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Application No.: 09/655,787) Examiner: K. Rinehart
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SURFACE TREATMENT)

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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.21) dated February 14, 2003, Applicant hereby submits a Substitute Amendment that replaces the Amendment filed January 28, 2003.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph located at page 4, lines 30-34:

To attain the above-mentioned object, the invention is characterized in comprising a step of cleaning a surface of an object to be processed by using ClF_3 gas; and removing chlorine derived from the ClF_3 gas still remaining on the surface of the object under treatment even after the step of cleaning the surface.

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